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## RESPONSE TO MAY 7, 2003 FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

MAIL STOP RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This amendment is in response to the final Office action mailed May 7, 2003, a response to which is due August 7, 2003. This paper is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination. Applicants request that the application be reconsidered in view of the following amendments and arguments.

Please note that the undersigned have become the attorneys of record for the prosecution of this application. The New Power of Attorney/Revocation of Prior Powers was filed with the Patent Office on January 14, 2002. Applicants have enclosed copies of the Notices Regarding Power of Attorney confirming the revocation of the prior Power of Attorney and new Power of Attorney as well as a copy of the acknowledgment of receipt by the PTO thereof. Applicants request that the Examiner kindly update the mailing address of the attorney of record to Fulwider Patton Lee & Utecht, LLP, 6060 Center Drive, Tenth Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90045. Applicants further respectfully request that the Examiner correct the attorney docket number to: ACS-58267 (1700X).